

Dave Hillemeier biography

Dave Hillemeier has been the Director of the Yurok Tribal Fisheries Department since 1999. Prior to that he was a Senior Fisheries Biologist for the Tribe from 1995 – 1999. Dave received his Master of Science degree, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree, from Humboldt State University. Dave has worked in the Klamath Basin conducting fisheries related work since the mid-1980's. Dave oversees the Tribe's Fisheries Department that employs 20 professionals (fisheries biologists, habitat biologists, a geomorphologist, and a civil engineer), and up to 30 fisheries technicians that work throughout the Klamath Basin to responsibly manage, conserve, and restore the Tribe's fisheries resource. Primary tasks of the Yurok Fisheries Department include management of the Tribe's fishery, biological monitoring and research throughout the Basin, water management activities at the technical and policy levels, review of land management activities throughout the basin, and substantial habitat restoration activities throughout the Lower Klamath and Trinity River Basin. Dave, along with other key Yurok staff, has been closely involved with the FERC relicensing, and now decommissioning, processes for the Klamath River dams since the traditional relicensing process began in 2001.